

1. In a computer system, a method comprising:
receiving pen input in an input area of a digitizer;
converting, in a software program, the pen input into a
key event; and

5 providing the key event to an application program, the
application program separate from the software program such
that the application program need not process the pen input.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the key event
10 corresponds to a character.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the key event
corresponds to a gesture.

15 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the pen input
comprises a single stroke.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the pen input
comprises at least two strokes.

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6. The method of claim 1 wherein converting the pen
input into a key event includes calling a recognizer.

7. The method of claim 1 further comprising,
25 detecting the end of the pen input.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein detecting the end of the pen input includes detecting a pen up event.

5 9. The method of claim 7 wherein detecting the end of the pen input includes detecting that pen input has stopped for a period of time.

10 10. The method of claim 7 wherein detecting the end of the pen input includes detecting a particular pen action.